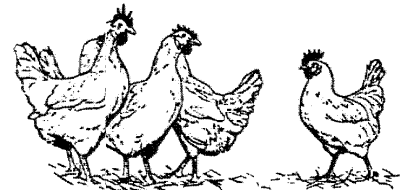


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## CALIFORNIA SEPTEMBER EGG PRODUCTION

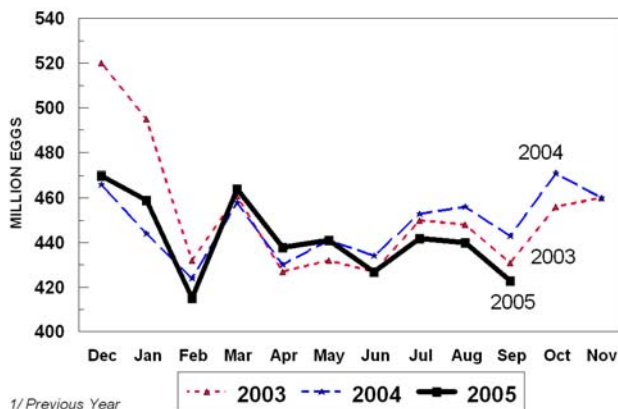
California's egg production during September totaled 423 million, down 17.0 million from August's production and 20.0 million below last September. Average number of layers during the month totaled 19.9 million, 1 percent lower than both last month and September 2004. Eggs per 100 layers during the month were 2,131 compared to 2,186 a month earlier and 2,203 in September 2004.

## U.S. SEPTEMBER EGG PRODUCTION

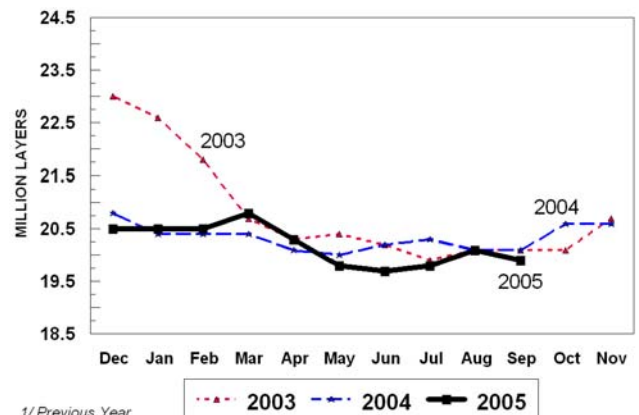
U.S. egg production totaled 7.38 billion during September 2005, up slightly from last year. Production included 6.31 billion table eggs, and 1.07 billion hatching eggs, of which 1.01 billion were broiler-type and 59 million were egg-type. The total number of layers during September 2005 averaged 342 million, down 1 percent from a year earlier. September egg production per 100 layers was 2,155 eggs, up 1 percent from September 2004.

All layers in the U.S. on October 1, 2005, totaled 343 million, down slightly from a year ago. The 343 million layers consisted of 286 million layers producing table or market type eggs, 55.1 million layers producing broiler-type hatching eggs, and 2.46 million layers producing egg-type hatching eggs. Rate of lay per day on October 1, 2005, averaged 71.9 eggs per 100 layers, up 1 percent from October 1, 2005.

EGG PRODUCTION, CALIFORNIA  
DECEMBER 1/ THROUGH NOVEMBER, 2003-2005



AVERAGE NUMBER OF LAYERS, CALIFORNIA  
DECEMBER 1/ THROUGH NOVEMBER, 2003-2005



## LAYER NUMBERS AND EGG PRODUCTION DURING SEPTEMBER, FORCED MOLTING AS OF OCTOBER 1

State	Average Number of Layers on Hand		Eggs Per 100 Layers		Total Egg Production		Layers Being Molted		Layers With Molt Completed	
	2004	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005
	Thousands		Number		Millions		Percent			
Alabama	9,273	9,034	1,887	1,838	175	166	0.0	1.5	6.0	6.0
Arkansas	15,145	14,436	1,888	1,940	286	280	1.5	4.5	10.5	10.0
California	20,105	19,850	2,203	2,131	443	423	5.0	4.5	34.5	34.5
Georgia	20,280	19,009	2,027	2,025	411	385	3.0	3.0	18.0	15.0
Indiana	23,885	23,715	2,135	2,193	510	520	4.5	2.5	32.0	29.0
Iowa	45,805	48,826	2,166	2,198	992	1,073	5.0	4.5	37.0	34.5
North Carolina	10,819	11,011	1,913	1,934	207	213	1.0	0.5	9.5	10.5
Ohio	28,388	27,785	2,138	2,242	607	623	7.5	5.0	20.5	17.5
Pennsylvania	23,774	23,523	2,255	2,240	536	527	1.0	3.0	15.0	19.0
Texas	18,194	17,409	2,171	2,143	395	373	3.0	2.0	20.5	22.5
UNITED STATES	344,118	342,382	2,134	2,155	7,344	7,379	3.9	3.9	23.6	23.4

### U.S. BROILER HATCH DOWN SLIGHTLY

Broiler-type chicks hatched during September 2005 totaled 770 million, down slightly from September 2004. Eggs in incubators totaled 632 million on October 1, 2005, up 2 percent from a year earlier.

Leading breeders placed 7.13 million broiler-type pullet chicks for future domestic hatchery supply flocks during September 2005, down 8 percent from September 2004.

#### BROILER-TYPE CHICKS HATCHED, SEPTEMBER

State	2004	2005	<u>2005</u> 2004
	Thousands		Percent
Alabama	107,539	111,274	103
Arkansas	111,459	107,422	96
Delaware	13,227	13,927	105
Florida	4,746	4,855	102
Georgia	117,943	117,952	100
Kentucky	24,811	24,832	100
Louisiana	13,730	14,657	107
Maryland	30,628	31,224	102
Mississippi	70,087	62,351	89
North Carolina	63,049	62,291	99
Oklahoma	23,257	23,211	100
Pennsylvania	13,345	14,439	108
South Carolina	14,361	18,055	126
Texas	54,142	53,828	99
Virginia	23,441	22,475	96
California, Missouri, Tennessee and West Virginia	62,448	65,420	105
Other States <sup>1/</sup>	21,721	21,558	99
UNITED STATES	769,934	769,771	100

<sup>1/</sup> Not published separately to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.

### U.S. EGG-TYPE CHICKS HATCHED DOWN 8 PERCENT

Egg-type chicks hatched during September 2005 totaled 33.8 million, down 8 percent from September 2004. Eggs in incubators totaled 31.8 million on October 1, 2005, down 5 percent from a year ago.

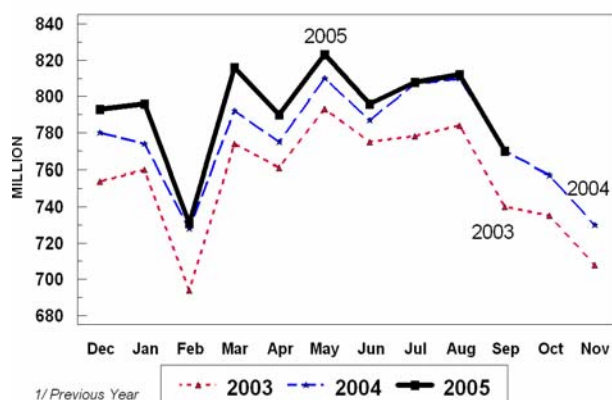
Domestic placements of egg-type pullet chicks for future hatchery supply flocks by leading breeders totaled 375,000 during September 2005, up 83 percent from September 2004.

#### EGG-TYPE CHICKS HATCHED, SEPTEMBER

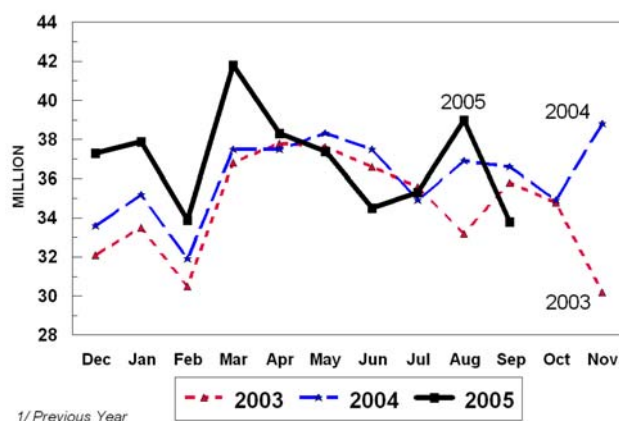
State	2004	2005	<u>2005</u> 2004
	Thousands		Percent
Florida	537	676	126
Georgia	2,339	2,272	97
Indiana	4,778	5,013	105
Iowa	5,743	6,288	109
Minnesota	830	1,130	136
Pennsylvania	5,141	4,768	93
Other States <sup>1/</sup>	17,263	13,641	79
UNITED STATES	36,631	33,788	92

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#### BROILER CHICKS HATCHED, UNITED STATES DECEMBER 1/ THROUGH NOVEMBER, 2003-2005



#### EGG TYPE CHICKS HATCHED, UNITED STATES DECEMBER 1/ THROUGH NOVEMBER, 2003-2005



#### EGGS IN INCUBATORS, OCTOBER 1

Geographic Division	Broiler-Type			Egg-Type		
	2004	2005	2005/2004	2004	2005	2005/2004
	Thousands		Percent	Thousands		Percent
North Atlantic	11,675	12,019	103	5,508	5,236	95
East North Central	8,524	8,911	105	6,932	6,308	91
West North Central	21,740	20,619	95	6,821	7,350	108
South Atlantic	222,554	230,379	104	3,422	3,198	93
South Central	330,191	334,334	101	5,660	5,100	90
West	22,928	25,477	111	5,132	4,652	91
UNITED STATES	617,612	631,739	102	33,475	31,844	95

## POULTRY AND EGG PRICES

The average September prices received by California producers, when compared to August average prices, increased 20.0 cents per dozen for market eggs.

Nationally, the September market egg price, at 46.5 cents per dozen, increased 20.7 cents from August. The September broiler price, at 46.0 cents per pound, was up 2.0 cents from August and 6.0 cents above a year ago. The September turkey price, averaging 50.7 cents per pound, is up 3.8 cents from the previous month and 4.5 cents from a year earlier.

### POULTRY AND EGG AVERAGE PRICES RECEIVED <sup>1/</sup>

Commodity	Unit	September 2004	August 2005	September 2005
Cents				
<b>CALIFORNIA</b>				
Market Eggs <sup>2/</sup>	Doz.	40.0	30.0	50.0
<b>UNITED STATES</b>				
Chickens-Broilers	Lb.	40.0	44.0	46.0
Market Eggs <sup>2/</sup>	Doz.	35.3	25.8	46.5
Turkeys <sup>2/</sup>	Lb.	46.2	46.9	50.7

<sup>1/</sup> The estimated prices shown in the table represent composite average prices received by producers. They are averages for all grades, classes and methods of sale of each commodity for the State and U.S. as a whole.

<sup>2/</sup> Mid-month prices.

## U.S. TURKEY HATCHERY PRODUCTION

Turkey eggs in incubators on October 1, 2005 in the United States totaled 26.7 million, up slightly from October 1 a year ago. Eggs in incubators were 5 percent below the September 1, 2005 total of 28.2 million eggs. Regional changes from the previous year were: East North Central up 1 percent, West North Central up 2 percent, North and South Atlantic up 3 percent, South Central down 24 percent, and West down 1 percent.

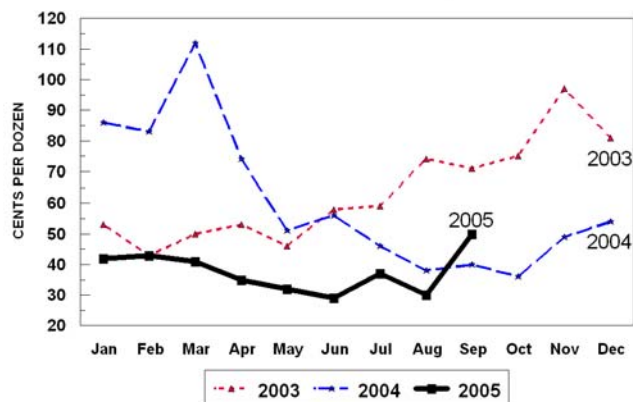
The 22.7 million poult placed during September 2005 in the United States were up 7 percent from the number placed during the same month a year ago. Placements were down 5 percent from August 2005. Regional changes from the previous year were: East North Central up 10 percent, West North Central up 13 percent, North and South Atlantic up 5 percent, South Central down 15 percent, and West up 8 percent.

### ALL TURKEYS

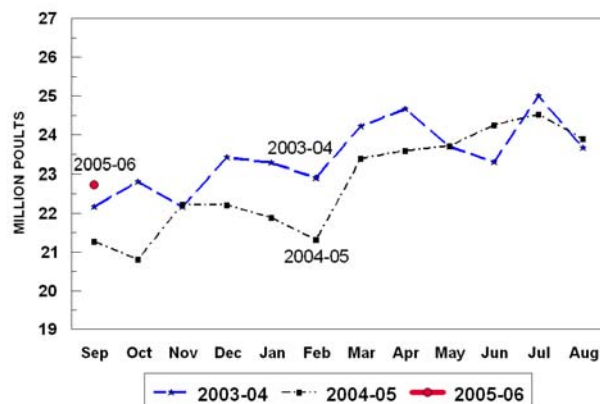
Geographic Division	Eggs in Incubators October 1		2005 2004	Poults Placed During Sept. 1/		2005 2004
	2004	2005		2004	2005	
	Thousands	Pct.	Thousands	Pct.		
E N Central	4,345	4,408	101	3,125	3,424	110
W N Central	10,533	10,753	102	8,200	9,230	113
N & S Atlantic	8,092	8,341	103	6,668	6,979	105
S Central	2,079	1,574	76	1,839	1,557	85
West	1,695	1,671	99	1,436	1,545	108
U.S.	26,744	26,747	100	21,268	22,735	107

<sup>1/</sup> Excludes exported poults.

### MARKET EGG PRICES, CALIFORNIA JANUARY THROUGH DECEMBER, 2003-2005



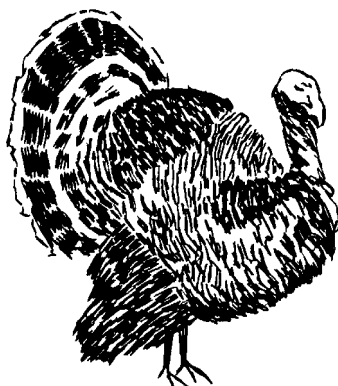
### TURKEY POULT PLACEMENTS, UNITED STATES SEPTEMBER THROUGH AUGUST, 2002-2005



### TURKEY POULT PLACEMENTS WITHIN THE UNITED STATES <sup>1/</sup>

Month	Total All Breeds		05-06 04-05	Cumulative Total		05-06 04-05
	2004-05	2005-06		2004-05	2005-06	
	Thousands	Percent	Thousands	Percent		
Sept.	21,268	22,735	107	21,268	22,735	107
Oct.	20,806			42,074		
Nov.	22,232			64,306		
Dec.	22,205			86,511		
Jan.	21,887			108,398		
Feb.	21,321			129,719		
Mar.	23,376			153,095		
Apr.	23,587			176,682		
May	23,714			200,396		
June	24,253			224,649		
July	24,533			249,182		
Aug.	23,899			273,081		

<sup>1/</sup> Excludes exported poults.



**PACIFIC COAST AND UNITED STATES COLD STORAGE**

Commodity	Unit	September 2004	August 2005	September 2005	Sept. 2005 Sept. 2004	Sept. 2005 Aug. 2005
		Thousands			Percent	
<b>PACIFIC COAST</b>						
Turkeys	Lbs.	45,198	57,200	68,073	151	119
Chickens	Lbs.	34,366	35,562	35,650	104	100
Ducks	Lbs.	89	38	98	110	258
Total Frozen Poultry Supplies	Lbs.	79,653	92,800	103,821	130	112
<b>UNITED STATES</b>						
Turkeys	Lbs.	527,388	526,602	493,887	94	94
Chickens	Lbs.	777,874	705,719	737,121	95	104
Ducks	Lbs.	918	622	2,452	267	394
Total Frozen Poultry Supplies	Lbs.	1,306,180	1,232,943	1,233,460	94	100
Eggs, Frozen	Lbs.	18,720	19,920	19,184	102	96